

OLIVET AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

127TH ANNIVERSARY 1871-1998

*"JESUS CHRIST. OUR FOUNDATION
YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND TOMORROW!"*



Anniversary Celebration
April 30, 1998 - May 3, 1998

Olivet A.M.E. Church
719 North Notre Dame Avenue
South Bend, Indiana 46617

Rt. Rev. Robert Thomas, Jr., Presiding Bishop
Rev. Leonard N. Williams, Sr., Presiding Elder
Rev. Lenore G. Williams, Pastor

Historic Wayman Chapel AME Church

Sunday Services:

8:00 & 10 a.m.

Sunday School:

9:15 a.m.

Sunday 6:05 AM

"Speak Out"

6:35 AM "Claiming Your
Victory Ministry" on

WZWZ 92.5 FM Kokomo, IN

Boys to Mend / Boys to Men Male Mentoring Program

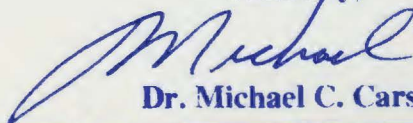
To The Reverend Lenore G. Williams, Sister Delores D. White,
Sister Carla White, Officers, Members, & Friends of
The Olivet African Methodist Episcopal Church South Bend, Indiana

Greetings to you in the matchless name of Jesus Christ!

On behalf of the Historic Wayman Chapel, we celebrate with you on your
127th Anniversary!

This represents a great milestone in your history. A rich and full history filled
with many bright moments. May God continue blessing you real good!

Sincerely,



Dr. Michael C. Carson

"The Church That Meets No Strangers"

Dr. Michael C. Carson

Senior Pastor

920 Apperson Way N.

Kokomo, IN

765-452-0228



HISTORY OF OLIVET AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

In 1870, Olivet A.M.E. Church was formally organized by Rev. J. Bundy who became the first Pastor, and by nine charter members: Mr. and Mrs. Farrow Powell, Mr. and Mrs. James Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Bridgeman, Mr. James Hurst, Mr. J.B. Lott and Mr. John Powell. Meetings were first held in various homes and then in the old Lafayette School in the southeast corner of Lafayette and Monroe Streets.

Olivet became a legal entity, March 16, 1871, by Articles of Association, recorded July 22, 1871, Misc. Record "B", page 178. Name: Olivet Chapel Society of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. Purpose: "The object of this association is to spread the Gospel under and in accordance with the rules and discipline of the African Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States of America." Signed by: James Hurst, Farrow Powell, J.H. Jackson, Catherine Wilson and Alice Fowler.

The site at 310 West Monroe Street, was purchased by the first trustees: Farrow Powell, James Jackson and James Hurst. The real estate was conveyed to them by Warranty Deed, July 14, 1871, ". . . in trust that they shall erect thereon a house or place of worship for the use of the members of the African Methodist Episcopal Church according to the discipline of said church." The first building was erected by Rev. J. Bundy. In 1872, the building was remodeled and completed by Rev. George Benson, the second pastor. The cornerstone was laid August 7, 1872.

For many years Olivet was the only Negro Church in South Bend. It was also the center for social, political, religious and civic life. It was known as the Colored Church until other denominations organized churches when it became known as "Olivet Chapel."

The last service in the first building was held Easter Sunday, April 23, 1916. The second building was erected 1916-1917, during the administration of Rev. C. Emery Allen. Joseph Haithcox (a Negro) was the contract builder. The cost: "nearly \$13,000, about \$10,000 of which was donated by white friends." This structure was dedicated September 9, 1917, during the Michigan Annual Conference, the Rt. Rev. Charles S. Smith, presiding. Dedicatory sermon was by the Rt. Rev. C.T. Shaffer. Trustees were L.L. Roberts, George Poston, Clyde Mathews, A.B. Kinchlow and A.W. Price. The pipe organ was unveiled on October 23, 1917.

In 1948, Olivet was transferred from the Michigan Conference to the Indiana Conference. Olivet has entertained six annual conferences: 1893, 1901, 1908, 1917, 1926 and 1972.

The parsonage at 432 South Taylor Street was acquired in 1920 during the pastorate of Rev. Walter Crider. It was remodeled in 1931 by Guy Mathews (a Negro), contract carpenter. Rev. I.K. Merchant was the pastor.

In 1969, the present building, formerly Lowell Heights United Methodist Church, and parsonage - 719 and 724 North Notre Dame Avenue, were acquired under the leadership of Rev Roderick S. Johnson. They moved in on December 7, and at 4:00 p.m. the property was dedicated by the Rt. Rev. H. Thomas Primm.

A banquet observing the 100th Anniversary was held December 16, 1971, under the pastorate of Rev. Johnson.

In January, 1976, under the leadership of Rev. Clarence G. Robinson, the trustees made final payment on the church property, and on April 4, 1976, Bishop H. Thomas Primm officiated at a formal mortgage burning ceremony.

During the pastorate of Rev. James N. Moody, Jr., the church building was extensively renovated.

Olivet suffered a fire April 28, 1991; estimated damage of \$260,000 was covered by insurance.

During repairs the Sunday morning church services were held in Berean Seventh Day Adventist Church. Other meetings were held at 1st A.M.E. Zion Church and in homes. We returned to the Olivet building for services December 22, 1991 under the pastorate of Rev. David R. Bedenbaugh.

In the years that followed, our pastors included, Rev. James Parker and Rev. LeRoy D. White, both contributed toward making Olivet what it is today.

"From the Book of Memory. . .names of some of the members who made worthy contributions in the beginning of the work were: The Bridgeman Family, the Powell families, Nancy Henderson and husband known as Uncle Billy, who recalls wheeling the first load of bricks for the building; Aunt Catherine Jackson who was Treasurer of Sunday School for many years; the Hurst Family; the Wesley Frankly Family; Luvica Powell; James and Rebecca Strawder; the two Marrs Families; the Joshua Stormes Family; Sarah Hoover; the Mitchem Family; Hardy Manuel; Joda and Tabitha Allen and family; Jimima Johnson; Marguirite Smith; Anna Gault Curtis. . .they kept the ship steady in their time."

Diligent search has been made and careful study given all available records. Some facts have been taken from documents recorded in public offices of our county and from ledgers and records left by earlier officers of this church. In this connection, credit is given to the following: Mrs. Viola Findley, Mrs. Mabel Robinson, Mrs. Goldie Owens and Attorney Charles H Wills (all deceased) and from Mrs. Lola Mathews, one of our current and oldest members.

In June of 1996, Rev. Lenore G. Williams was assigned as Pastor. Her emphasis has been three fold; to recruit, reclaim, and retain souls for God's Kingdom. New outreach ministries have been developed under her leadership and souls reclaimed and recruited. as often as possible, she reminds us... "Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are good report, if there be any virtue, if there be any praise, think on these things."



FOURTH DISTRICT GREETINGS!



BISHOP ROBERT THOMAS, JR.
PRESIDING BISHOP



MRS. BEVERLY THOMAS
EPISCOPAL SUPERVISOR

Greetings in the name of the great Head of the Church, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Mother Beverly and I congratulate the Olivet A.M.E. Church Family and your pastor, Rev. Lenore G. Williams on this historic occasion of your 127th Church Anniversary. My credo, "Love Makes the Difference", continues to be evidenced as I travel throughout the Connectional African Methodist Church and especially in this the Fourth District. Love, as exemplified through Jesus the Christ, will always lift us up where we belong. It is humbling to note that it is not because of our goodness, but because of Jesus that you now celebrate this Anniversary. Your theme sums up for each of us our stance as the church universal - "Jesus Christ. Our Foundation Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow.

May the Grace, Peace, and Love of our Lord and Savior continue to be shown in all of your endeavors. God be praised!

Bishop Bob and Mother Beverly

"By this shall all know that ye are my disciples, if you have love one to another."

John 13:35

NORTH DISTRICT Indiana Conference African Methodist Episcopal Church

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St. John, East Chicago, Turner Chapel, Fort Wayne, Wayman, Peru, Wayman Chapel, Kokomo.*



Greetings in the Name of Jesus,

It is with a deep sense of joy and gratefulness to God that we congratulate you on this your 127th Anniversary. We are thankful for the leadership that Olivet continues to show on the North District and for your cooperation. As we have often shared, we remain on tip toes of anticipation for what the Lord is going to do through Olivet. This historic celebration is but one milestone in God's Blessing Plan. And then to have the opportunity to celebrate it with your pastor, our daughter, Rev. Lenore G. Williams, makes the occasion especially special for us. We encourage you to "keep on keeping on" as you recognize, "Jesus Christ. Our Foundation Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow!"

Presiding Elder Leonard N. Williams and Mrs. Delores L. Kennedy Williams

"To God be the glory, great things He hath done; so loved He the world that He gave us His Son, Who yielded His life an atonement for sin, And opened the lifegate that all may go in. PRAISE THE LORD! "

NOTE FROM THE PASTOR



Greetings in the name of Jesus,

How thankful I am to be in this place at this time - the 127th Anniversary Celebration of Olivet African Methodist Episcopal Church is a result of God's Grace - it is the Foundation of God's Son, Jesus the Christ that we stand on today. Our theme heightens our awareness - not only is Jesus our foundation today, but Jesus was our foundation in 1871, and Jesus must be our foundation in the years to come.

Olivet is historic in many ways - noted as the first Black Congregation in South Bend, we have continued to blaze trails for God's kingdom here on earth through meeting the needs of the least of them, through winning them "one by one", and through "lifting Jesus up!" We recognize that the world today is hungry for the living bread and we aim to give "them" Jesus.

I can only praise God for this 127th Year Celebration, for the Olivet Church Family, for the 724 N. Notre Dame Family, Carla and Delores, and for all who supported this effort.

Philippians 4:8

Rev. Lenore



UNITED RELIGIOUS COMMUNITY
OF ST. JOSEPH COUNTY

April 21, 1998

Olivet A.M.E. Church
719 N. Notre Dame Avenue
South Bend, IN 46617

Dear Friends,

Greetings and congratulations from the United Religious Community on the occasion of your 127th anniversary. Over the years your faith in God and your service to the community have inspired and encouraged your many friends and supporters throughout St. Joseph County and beyond.

The URC gives thanks for the many blessings God has bestowed upon the congregation of Olivet A.M.E. Church. May these blessings bring comfort, peace, and wisdom as you face the future together. Please know that the URC stands with you and prays for you.

Sincerely,

James J. Fisko
Executive Director

JJF/mej

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3D DISTRICT, INDIANA

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April 28, 1998

The Reverend Lenore Williams
Pastor
Olivet A.M.E. Church
719 North Notre Dame Avenue
South Bend, Indiana 46617

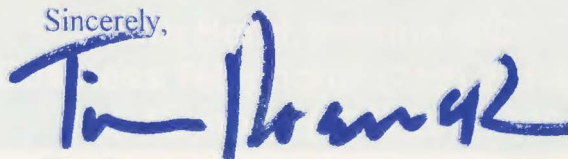
Dear Reverend Williams,

It is my sincere honor to congratulate you and your congregation on the 127th anniversary of the Olivet African Methodist Episcopal Church. As members of our community, and especially the greater liturgical community, join in marking this special occasion, please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.

The spirit of faith, understanding and brotherhood engendered among your congregation serves not only you and your own church, but our entire community as a whole. The congregation of Olivet A.M.E. leads by example . . . and what a fine example! Your commitment to one another, the children and the elders, the history you share, and above all else to God, is an inspiration and encouragement to others.

At this special time, as you celebrate the beginnings of your church, may you do so in joy, thanksgiving, and the grace of God - for this is certainly the spirit in which Olivet A.M.E. was founded 127 years ago. Have a wonderful celebration!

Sincerely,



Tim Roemer
Member of Congress

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CITY OF SOUTH BEND
STEPHEN J. LUECKE, MAYOR
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

April 29, 1998

Dear Friends:

On behalf of the City of South Bend, I extend congratulations to Olivet AME Church on the occasion of your 127th Anniversary. I commend your church and congregation for the many ways you have enriched our community.

Olivet AME Church has been a beacon of faith and vitality to all of South Bend helping to make our community stronger and better. I am pleased to join with you in recognizing and celebrating this significant milestone. Your church has touched many lives through your years of service, and we have been blessed by your ministry.

Congratulations and all best wishes for continued blessings from all of the citizens of South Bend.

Sincerely,

Stephen J. Luecke
Mayor



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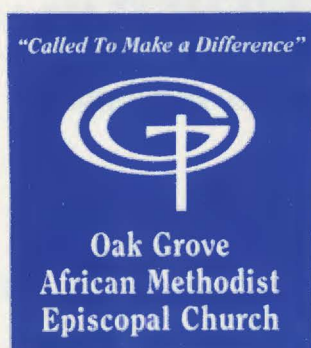
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Rev. Dr. Gregory G.M. Ingram
Senior Minister
Rev. Dr. Jessica Ingram
Assistant Pastor



Congratulations and best wishes, to Rev. Williams and the congregation of Olivet African Methodist Episcopal Church as you celebrate 127 years of Christian service to the greater South Bend community. May the witness, work, and ministry of Olivet continue to speak for itself. To God Be The Glory!

It gives me great pleasure to express our love and support and indeed recognize - "Jesus Christ, Our Foundation Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow."

May God richly bless you and yours, and our brothers and sisters in Christ. "Keep Making A Difference!"

In His Name,

Rev. Dr. Gregory G. M. Ingram
Senior Minister

*"Enter into his gates with thanksgiving,
and into his courts with praise:
be thankful unto him
and bless his name."
Psalm 100:4*

*We salute you
in this your
127th Anniversary*



*May God richly
bless
as you continue
in His service.*

The Rev. Ronald E. Nored, Sr.
Pastor
Bethel A.M.E. Church
Ensley, Alabama
Mrs. Linda Williams Nored
Master Ronald E. Nored, Jr.
Master Randall James Nored

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES

to

**OLIVET
AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

ON YOUR

**127th Anniversary
of
Service to God and Humankind**

REVEREND DOCTOR WILLIAM D. DAVIS, JR.

and

MRS. RUTH DAVIS

PRESIDING ELDER AND FIRST LADY

OF THE

ST. PAUL/MILWAUKEE DISTRICT

OF THE

**CHICAGO ANNUAL CONFERENCE
AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

**THIS IS THE DAY WHICH THE LORD HAS MADE;
WE WILL REJOICE AND BE GLAD IN IT. PSALMS 118:24**

Olivet, we do rejoice in your 127th Anniversary. Our family has been a part of Olivet for many years and we children were raised here. May God continue to bless you.

IN MEMORY OF OUR PARENTS/GRANDPARENTS

DAVID AND DORA THOMAS

AND OUR SISTER/AUNT

ETHEL MAE MILTON

*Juanita Thomas
David Thomas, Jr.
Clyde and Evelyne Thomas Alford
Russell and Ruth Thomas
Lucille Thomas
Michael Thomas
Stephanie Thomas
Lamar Thomas
Steven Thomas
Gregory Thomas
Julia Thomas
Christopher Alford
Leslie Alford
Kevin Thomas*

**REMEMBER: IT IS ONLY WHAT WE DO FOR CHRIST THAT WILL LAST!
THE CHURCH THAT WORSHIPS AND PRAYS TOGETHER WILL STAY TOGETHER!**

FROM ONE SERVING CHURCH TO ANOTHER
MAY GOD BLESS YOU
OLIVET AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
ON THE OBSERVANCE OF YOUR 127TH ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY

OF

CARRIE S. POWELL

AND

MARTHA F. FAULKNER

FROM JUDY POWELL DAVIS
BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA

127 YEARS OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MAY GOD BLESS YOU

OLIVET AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
ON THE CELEBRATION OF YOUR 127th ANNIVERSARY

IN MEMORY OF MY PARENTS

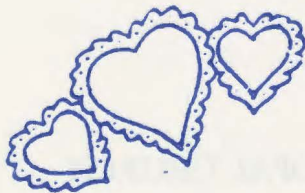
STANLEY AND ELEANOR MOXLEY

MARY McDEW
Savannah, Georgia

REVEREND THOMAS M. HUGHES, PASTOR

WITH ALL OF MY HEART I WILL PRAISE THE LORD,
AND I AM GLAD BECAUSE OF GOD MY SAVIOR.
GOD CARES FOR ME HIS HUMBLE SERVANT.
FROM NOW ON ALL PEOPLE WILL SAY GOD HAS BLESSED ME.
GOD ALL-POWERFUL HAS DONE GREAT THINGS FOR ME
AND HIS NAME IS HOLY. LUKE 1:47-49

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES
OLIVET AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
ON YOUR 127th ANNIVERSARY



FROM

THE SOUNDS OF IMANI

Cheryl A. Patterson, President
Rev. Lenore G. Williams, Pastor

FROM ONE SERVING CHURCH TO ANOTHER

CONGRATULATIONS

**OLIVET AFRICAN METHODIST
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
SOUTH BEND, INDIANA**

ON

127 YEARS OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

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REVEREND THOMAS M. HUGHES, PASTOR

127th Anniversary Club Members



Mr. Alva Andrews

Mrs. Barbara Deal

Mr. Adolph Eskridge

The Grayson /Lowery Family

Mr. Maurice Manley

Mrs. Ruby Manley

Ms. Sharon Manley

Mr. Bill Nicks

Mr. and Mrs. Willam J. Noble

Mrs. Cheryl Patterson

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Mr. Terry Singer

Mrs. Elouise Thomas

Mr. Grayson Warren, Jr.

Rev. Lenore G. Williams

Rev. and Mrs. Leonard and Delores Kennedy Williams

"Jesus Christ. Our Foundation Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow!"

ORDER OF WORSHIP

11:00 A.M.

WORSHIP THROUGH PREPARATION

THE PRELUDE Mrs. Ernestine Grayson

THE INTROIT "The Lord is in His Holy Temple"

THE PROCESSIONAL Stewards, Trustees, Choirs, Clergy
#520 - "We're Marching to Zion"

WORSHIP THROUGH PRAISE

THE CALL TO PRAISE Reverend Lenore G. Williams

THE CONGREGATIONAL PRAISE "Sons and Daughters"

We've gathered in the Sanctuary enrobed in our garments of praise,
We join with angels and one another to give honor to Your name.
We sons and daughters stand before you offering our sacrifice of praise,
And we sing glory hallelujah to the Lord who will forever reign.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP Pastor

Minister: I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord,
our feet shall stand within thy gates O Jerusalem.

People: For a day in Thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a
doorkeeper in the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of
wickedness.

Minister: Because of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek Thy good.

People: Those that be planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the
courts of our God.

Minister: Blessed are they that dwell in thy house. Lord I have loved thy habitation,
the place where thy honor dwelleth.

People: For the Lord is in His holy temple, let all the earth keep silence before
Him.

Minister: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable
in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

People: O sing unto the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things.
Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth, sing praises.

THE OPENING HYMN #519 - "The Church's One Foundation"

THE CALL TO PRAYER #295 - "Let It Breathe on Me" (chorus only)

THE INVOCATION Mr. William Nicks

THE PRAYER RESPONSE (singing and signing by the B.Y.B.L.E. Club Choir)

I feel Jesus. I feel Jesus. I feel Jesus in this place.

Yes, my soul does burn within me. I feel Jesus in this place. (repeat)

THE MINISTRY OF MUSIC Sounds of Imani

THE SCRIPTURE - Hebrews 13:8-15 Dr. Michelle Jones-Singer

THE DECALOGUE (Complete) Pastor

THE MISSIONARY OFFERING Miss Carla White

THE MINISTRY OF MUSIC LaSalle High School Gospel Choir

WORSHIP THROUGH FELLOWSHIP

THE RECOGNITION OF OCTOGENARIANS Pastor

THE RECOGNITION OF OFFICERS Pastors

THE VISITORS WELCOME/FELLOWSHIP Mrs. Ruby Manley

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS Mrs. Ruby Manley

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

TITHES AND OFFERINGS Mrs. Juanita Harris

THE OFFERTORY SCRIPTURE Psalm 127:1

THE PRAYER OF AFFIRMATION In Unison
Lord, you give us our life. You give us all we need to make this a full life. What can we do for you? We can offer unto you our tithes, our time and our talents. Our gifts of love are but a feeble response to the greatest love on earth available through your son, Jesus Christ. So, on this 127th Anniversary LET THE LORD'S PEOPLE BRING THE LORD'S MONEY TO THE LORD'S HOUSE ON THE LORD'S DAY FOR THE LORD'S WORK AND RECEIVE THE LORD'S BLESSING. AMEN.

THE FINANCE TEAM FOR THE DAY

Ms. Sharon Manley

Mr. Maurice Manley

Mr. Grayson Warren, Jr.

All things come of Thee, O Lord, and of Thine own have we given Thee. Amen.

WORSHIP THROUGH PROCLAMATION

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON	Mr. Terry Singer "Jesus Loves Me"
THE ALTAR CALL	Pastor #394 - "We Are Often Tossed and Driven"
THE MINISTRY OF MUSIC	Mr. Darryl Robinson Chicago, Illinois
THE INTRODUCTION OF PREACHER	Miss Lucille Thomas
THE MINISTRY OF MUSIC	Mr. Darryl Robinson
THE SERMON	Reverend Dr. Wilfred Reid, Pastor Grant Memorial A.M.E. Church, Chicago, Illinois
THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP	
THE HYMN OF INVITATION	#260 - "I've Wandered Far Away From God"

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

EXPRESSIONS	Mr. Grayson Warren, Jr.
THE PASTORAL EMPHASIS	Pastor
THE CLOSING HYMN/RECESSIONAL	#45

1. God be with you till we meet again; by His counsels guide uphold you,
With His sheep securely fold you. God be with you till we meet again.
(chorus) Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet.
Till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.
2. God be with you till we meet again; 'neath His wings protecting hide you.
Daily manna still provide you. God be with you till we meet again.
3. God be with you till we meet again; keep love's banner floating o'er you.
Smite death's threatening ways before you; God be with you till we meet again.

THE BENEDICTION	Reverend Dr. Wilfred Reid
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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

4:00 P.M.

Rev. Roscoe M. Linton, Grace A.M.E. Zion Church, Worship Leader

THE INTROIT "We Have Come Into This House"

THE PROCESSIONAL #520 "We're Marching to Zion"

THE DOXOLOGY "Praise God from Whom All Belssings Flow"

THE CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Roscoe Linton

Minister: I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord, our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem.

People: For a day in Thy courts is better than thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.

Minister: Because of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek thy good.

People: Those that be planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God.

Minister: Blessed are they that dwell in thy House. Lord I have loved thy habitation, the place where thy honor dwelleth.

People: For the Lord is in His holy temple, let all the earth keep silence before Him.

Minister: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

People: O sing unto the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things. Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth, sing praises.

THE OPENING HYMN #519 "The Church's One Foundation"

THE EVENING PRAYER..... Rev. Gregory Wilson
Pastor, Bethel A.M.E. Church, Michigan City

THE WELCOME Ms. Allison Owens

THE MINISTRY OF MUSIC Sounds of Imani

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON Rev. Harry Pierson
Pastor, Franklin A.M.E. Church, Niles, Michigan

THE MINISTRY OF MUSIC Franklin A.M.E. Church Choir

THE ANNIVERSARY LITANY A.M.E. Hymnal #754 Mrs. Annie Anthony

THE OFFERNG Anniversary Finance Committee

RECOGNITION OF THE 127 CLUB MEMBERS

THE MINISTRY OF MUSIC Grace A.M.E. Zion Church Choir

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE PREACHER Ms. Sharon Manley

THE MINISTRY OF MUSIC Minister Ronell Fulce

THE MESSAGE Rev. Dr. Loretta Reid
Associate Minister, Grant Memorial A.M.E. Church, Chicago, Illinois

THE INVITATION "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

THE EXPRESSIONS Mrs. Emma Owens, Anniversary Co-Chair
Rev. Lenore G. Williams, Pastor

THE CLOSING HYMN AND RECESSIONAL #45

"God Be With You Till We Meet Again"

God be with you till er meet again; By His counsels guide uphold you.
With His sheep securely fold you. God be with you till we meet again.

(Chorus)

Till we meet, till we meet, Till we meet at Jesus' feet.
Till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we met again; Neath His wings protecting hide you.
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THE BENEDICTION Rev. Dr. Loretta Reid



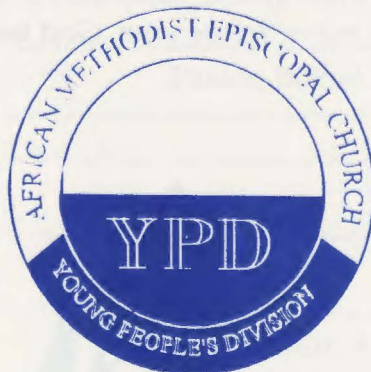
CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES
OLIVET AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
ON YOUR 127th ANNIVERSARY

FROM

HOLLIS AND LAVERA HUGHES

MAY GOD CONTINUE TO BLESS OUR CHURCH ON THE
CELEBRATION OF 127 YEARS OF SERVICE TO GOD AND THE COMMUNITY

YPD MOTTO: "GROW, GLOW AND GO FOR CHRIST"



THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S DIVISION
OF THE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY
ALLISON OWENS, PRESIDENT
LUCILLE THOMAS, DIRECTOR
REV. LENORE G. WILLIAMS, PASTOR

CONGRATULATIONS OLIVET AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
ON YOUR 127TH ANNIVERSARY

DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY OF
STANLEY AND ELEANOR MOXLEY

BY THEIR DAUGHTER
JOYCE MOXLEY
of Benicia, California

WE EXTEND OUR CONGRATULATIONS

TO

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FOR 127 YEARS OF SERVICE TO YOUR COMMUNITY

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*THE LORD IS MY LIGHT AND MY SALVATION;
WHOM SHALL I FEAR? THE LORD IS
THE STRENGTH OF MY LIFE. OF WHOM SHALL
I BE AFRAID? Psalm 27:1*

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But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint. Isaiah 40:31

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I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. Psalm 121:1

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"I am the Resurrection and the life, He that believeth in me thou he were dead, yet shall he live and whosoever believeth and liveth in me shall never die." John 11:25-26

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*"I HAVE PLANTED, APOLLOS
WATERED; BUT GOD GAVE
THE INCREASE"
I CORINTHIANS 3:6 (JKV)*

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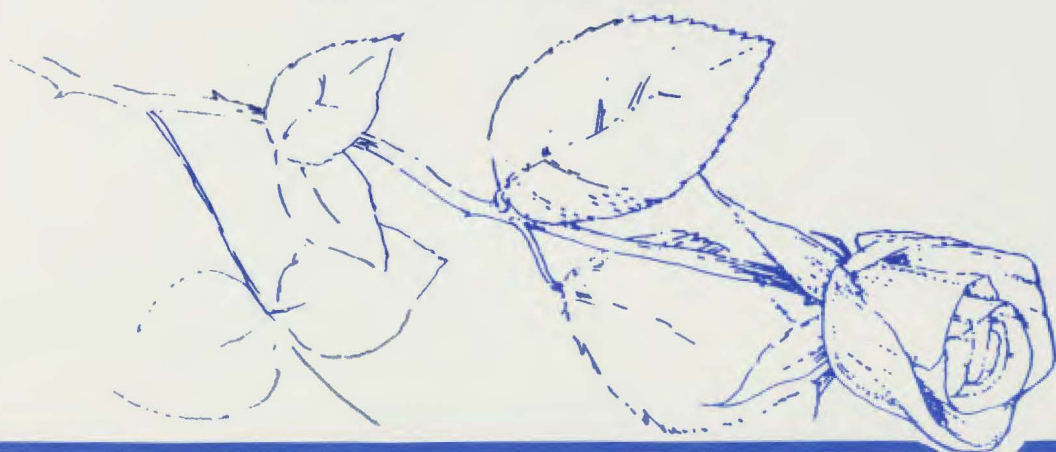
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